

Please read and consider the following commentary:

"Clear Channel owns over 1,200 radio stations and 37 television stations, with investments in 240 radio stations globally, and Clear Channel Entertainment (aka SFX, one of their more well-known subsidiaries) owns and operates over 200 venues nationwide. They are in 248 of the top 250 radio markets, controlling 60% of all rock programming. They outright own the tours of musicians like Janet Jackson, Aerosmith, Pearl Jam, Madonna and N'Sync. They own the network which airs Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura, Casey Kasem, and the Fox Sports Radio Network. With 103,000,000 listeners in the U.S. and 1,000,000,000 globally (1/6 of the world population), this powerful company has grown unchecked, using their monopoly to control the entire music industry."

The percentages of ownership controlled by any one entity must be limited and regulated in order to ensure our freedom to chose what we want to hear!!

"Currently, there are restrictions on how many radio stations that a company can own in a single market, and this is all that is preventing Clear Channel from achieving further dominance. FCC Chairman Michael Powell, who is widely believed to desire an end to these restrictions, said that if this commission is unable to justify the anti-competitive standard, "the rule will go away." Rolling back these restrictions is likely to result in immediate, rapid, unstoppable growth on the part of Clear Channel, who will be able to purchase as many radio stations as they want."

The restrictions should be INCREASED, REGULATED and ENFORCED in order to ensure freedom for ALL listeners and fairness to performers of ALL types of music!! Don't let them force us to listen to their top 40 all of the time!! Do you really need to look much further to justify the minimal anti-competitive standard already in place??